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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Marcus J. Burton, 20, of Middleton, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 52 months in prison without parole, followed by a three-year period of supervised release, for possessing a firearm after being convicted of a felony. Burton pleaded guilty to this charge on June 19, 2008.

Burton was found in possession of a .38 caliber handgun when a vehicle he was a passenger in was stopped as it left the Allied Drive area of Madison on March 1, 2008. Police were responding to a report of shots fired in the area of Allied Drive in the early morning hours of March 1, when they observed and stopped the car to investigate its possible connection to the report.

The charges against Burton were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert A. Anderson.

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